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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>26 November 2003</u>.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**.   2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1-16* is/are pending in the application.

    4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1-16* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

    Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

    a)☒ All   b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

    1.☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

    2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

    3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

    * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1)☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2)☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3)☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date *9/06,8/06,1/05,11/03*.

4)☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) .
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5)☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6)☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1.   The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that

form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on
sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2.   **Claims 1 – 16** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tomari

(EP 1,148,423).

          Regarding **claim 1**, Tomari teaches that a portable terminal (information terminal

such that mobile telephone in Fig. 1). Tomari teaches that a mail region (Fig. 3) storing

transmitted and received electronic mails (column 2, lines 40 – column 3, lines 30, Fig. 3,

and column 8, lines 16 – 55, where teaches a electronic mail history management section

for recording history information about communication). Tomari teaches that a mail

processing unit performing processing for transmission, reception, and display of an

electronic mail and storage of the electronic mail in said mail region (column 2, lines 40

– column 3, lines 30, Fig. 3, and column 8, lines 33 – column 9, lines 39, where teaches

the mail processing unit (mail management unit in Fig. 3) performs processing for

transmission, reception, and display of the electronic mail and storing of the mail).

Tomari teaches that a relating unit extracting (retrieving) one or more related electronic

mails from said mail region based on a relating condition specified by an operation of a

user to the electronic mail being displayed (column 11, lines 8 – column 12, lines 49 and

Fig. 3, 6, where teaches displaying the history information items by retrieving in

connection with their processing states on the basis of the history related information
stored in the information management table, of the history information recorded in the
history management section), and then displaying said one or more related electronic
mails (column 11, lines 8 – column 12, lines 49 and Fig. 3, 6, where teaches on the same
screen (displaying LCD) enables the user to check the history information items).

Regarding **claim 2**, Tomari teaches all the limitation as discussed in claim 1.
Furthermore, Tomari further teaches that an operation unit (controller with operation
units in Fig. 3) on which a user performs an entry operation (Fig. 1 and column 1, lines
19 – 55, where teaches information terminal, mobile telephone or PDA has a database to
operate personal address book, and user can entry the information, name, telephone
number)). Tomari teaches that a radio transmitting and receiving unit communicating
through wireless communication (Fig. 1 and column 1, lines 19 – 55, where teaches
information terminal, mobile telephone or PDA wirelessly communicates with network).
Tomari teaches that a storage unit (the history management section in Fig. 3) having a
mail region storing transmitted and received electronic mails (Fig. 3 and column 8, lines
16 – column 9, lines 39, where teaches the history management section records
transmitted and received electronic mails). Tomari teaches that a mail processing unit
(mail management section) performing processing for transmission or reception of an
electronic mail through said radio transmitting and receiving unit (12 in Fig. 3) (column
2, lines 40 – column 3, lines 30, Fig. 3, and column 8, lines 33 – column 9, lines 39,
where teaches the mail processing unit (mail management unit in Fig. 3) performs
processing for transmission, reception, (by transceiver in Fig. 3) and display of the

electronic mail and storing of the mail), display of the transmitted or received electronic

mail on said display unit, and storage of the transmitted or received electronic mail in

said mail region (column 11, lines 8 – column 12, lines 49 and Fig. 3, 6, where teaches

displaying the history information items by retrieving the transmitted and received

electronic mails in connection with their processing states on the basis of the history

related information stored in the information management table, of the history

information recorded in the history management section).

Regarding **claim 3**, Tomari teaches that the electronic mail includes date and time

information comprising a date and a time of transmission or reception (column 10, lines

21 – column 11, lines 45 and Fig. 4, 6, where teaches recording the necessary data, such

that the party's telephone number and time and date of the incoming call as the history

information). Tomari teaches that the relating unit arranges the electronic mails extracted

from said mail region in an order of date and time of the date and time information, for

display (column 11, lines 8 – column 12, lines 49 and Fig. 3, 6, where teaches displaying

the history information items by retrieving in connection with their processing states on

the basis of the history related information stored in the information management table,

of the history information recorded in the history management section).

Regarding **claim 4**, Tomari teaches that the electronic mail includes address

information of a transmitting destination or a receiving source (column 10, lines 21 –

column 11, lines 45 and Fig. 4, 6, where teaches the electronic mail includes address

information), Tomari teaches that when the relating condition is a condition requiring that

address information A included in the electronic mail being displayed match the address

information of the transmitting destination or the receiving source (column 11, lines 8 –

column 12, lines 10 and Fig. 4, 6, where teaches displaying the history information items

by retrieving in connection with their processing states on the basis of the history related

information, relating mail address for displaying, stored in the information management

table, of the history information recorded in the history management section), said

relating unit extracts one or more electronic mail including the address information A

from said mail region, for display (column 11, lines 8 – column 12, lines 49 and Fig. 3, 6,

where teaches on the same screen (displaying LCD) enables the user to check the history

information such that electronic mail address).

Regarding **claim 5**, Tomari teaches that the electronic mail includes subject

information comprising a subject (name) (column 11, lines 8 – column 12, lines 49 and

Fig. 3, 6). Tomari teaches that when the relating condition is a condition requiring that

subject information B included in the electronic mail being displayed match the subject,

said relating unit extracts one or more electronic mail including the subject information B

from said mail region, for display (column 11, lines 8 – column 12, lines 49 and Fig. 3, 6,

where teaches displaying the history information item, name information, by retrieving in

connection with their processing states on the basis of the history related information

such that relating name, for displaying, stored in the information management table, of

the history information recorded in the history management section).

Regarding **claim 6**, Tomari teaches all the limitation as discussed in claims 1 and

2. Furthermore, Tomari further teaches that the electronic mail includes address

information of a transmitting destination or a receiving source (Fig. 4, 7 and column 10,

lines 5 – column 11, lines 49, where teaches that the Fig. 4 teaches the electronic mail includes address information of a transmitting destination), subject information comprising a subject, and date and time information comprising a date and a time of transmission or reception (column 11, lines 8 – column 12, lines 49 and Fig. 4, 7, where teaches displaying the history information items, name information and date and time of transmission or reception by retrieving in connection with their processing states on the basis of the history related information such that relating name and date and time of transmission or reception for displaying, stored in the information management table, of the history information recorded in the history management section), the mail processing unit displays on a screen displaying the electronic mail information for selecting as a related mail an electronic mail having a same address or an electronic mail having a same subject as the electronic mail being displayed (column 11, lines 8 – column 12, lines 49 and Fig. 4, 7, where teaches displaying the history information items, name information and date and time of transmission or reception and address by retrieving in connection with their processing states on the basis of the history related information such that relating name and date and time of transmission or reception and address for displaying, stored in the information management table, of the history information recorded in the history management section). Tomari teaches that when a selecting operation is performed (user selecting the information item) on said screen displaying the electronic mail (column 11, lines 8 – column 12, lines 49 and Fig. 3, 6, where teaches on the same screen (displaying LCD) enables to display the user to check the history information items), said relating unit obtains information on the related mail (column 11, lines 8 –

column 12, lines 49 and Fig. 3, 6, where teaches displaying relating information on the related mail), Tomari teaches that when the same address has been specified as a condition, said relating unit extracts from said mail region electronic mails having the same address as the mail being displayed, and arranges the electronic mails in a chronological order, for display (column 11, lines 8 – column 12, lines 10 and Fig. 4, 6, where teaches displaying, in a order like a look up table, the history information items by retrieving in connection with their processing states on the basis of the history related information, relating mail address for displaying, stored in the information management table, of the history information recorded in the history management section), Tomari teaches that when the same subject has been specified as a condition, said relating unit extracts from said mail region electronic mails having the same subject as the mail being displayed, and arranges the electronic mails in the chronological order, for display (column 11, lines 8 – column 12, lines 49 and Fig. 3, 6, where teaches displaying, in a order like a look up table, the history information item, name information, by retrieving in connection with their processing states on the basis of the history related information such that relating name, for displaying, stored in the information management table, of the history information recorded in the history management section).

Regarding **claim 7**, Tomari teaches all the limitation as discussed in claims 1 and 2.

Regarding **claim 8**, Tomari teaches all the limitation as discussed in claims 3 and 6.

Regarding **claim 9**, Tomari teaches all the limitation as discussed in claims 4 and 6.

Regarding **claim 10**, Tomari teaches all the limitation as discussed in claims 5 and 6.

Regarding **claim 11**, Tomari teaches all the limitation as discussed in claims 2 and 6. Furthermore, Tomari further teaches that displaying on a same screen information for selecting as a related mail an electronic mail having a same address as an address of the electronic mail being displayed or an electronic mail having a same subject as an subject of the electronic mail being displayed, during display of the electronic mail (column 11, lines 8 – column 12, lines 49 and Fig. 3, 4, where teaches displaying the information on the same screen for user selecting as related mail information items having relating address, relating name of the mail being display).

Regarding **claim 12**, Tomari teaches all the limitation as discussed in claims 1 and 2.

Regarding **claim 13**, Tomari teaches all the limitation as discussed in claims 2 and 3.

Regarding **claim 14**, Tomari teaches all the limitation as discussed in claims 2 and 4.

Regarding **claim 15**, Tomari teaches all the limitation as discussed in claims 2 and 5.

Regarding **claim 16**, Tomari teaches all the limitation as discussed in claims 2 and 6.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Maurille (US 6,484,196) discloses Internet Messaging System and Method for use in Computer Network.

Jenkins et al. (US 6,591,273) discloses Secure Electronic Distribution, Archiving and Retrieval.

Stimmel (US 6,678,719) discloses Virtual Workplace Intercommunication Tool.

Information regarding...Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system... at 866-217-9197 (toll-free)."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **John J. Lee** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-7880.**

He can normally be reached Monday-Thursday and alternate Fridays from 8:30am-5:00

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Edward Urban, can be reached on **(571) 272-7899**. Any inquiry of a general nature or

relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist

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